



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

RECORD OF DECISION AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

SH DAM REMOVAL AND RESTORATION

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks prepared an Environmental Assessment dated March 25, 2008. This Environmental Assessment addresses the removal of the abandoned SH diversion located on the Tongue River, upstream of Miles City, MT. The purpose of the proposed project is to restore river function and provide fish passage.

Public comment was solicited and no comments were received.

On the basis of the information contained in the environmental assessment, and the absence of public objection, Fish, Wildlife and Parks has determined that adoption of the proposed action will have no significant environmental impact and the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

The proposed action addresses the best management objectives of the agency and complies with the Department's mission by improving and restoring river habitats to provide fish passage. Removal of the SH diversion will provide an additional 50 miles of river access to native fish populations. This work will initiate during the fall of 2008.

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April 25, 2008

Bryce Christensen
Regional Supervisor
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Date